(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Inter pool exchange is also permitted with CGHS pool accommodation subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions.

**A-I Status to Greater Hyderabad Tricity**

2476. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give A-1 City Status to Greater Hyderabad tricity;

(b) if so, the allocation made so far for this purpose;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons for delay in releasing the sanctioned amount for upgrading the city?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure), with the purpose of grant of House Rent Allowance, City Compensatory Allowance and Transport Allowance to the Central Government Employees, classified cities having a population of 50 lakh and above (as per 1991 Censes) in the Municipal Area and in the Urban Agglomeration as "A-1"

As the population of Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration is 43,44,437 as per the 1991 Census, the city of Hyderabad has not been classified as "A-1" Class city.

(b) to (d) The classification of cities, as "A-1" is not of relevance for the allocation of funds for upgradation of facilities in cities. Therefore, no allocation has been made on the basis of this classification of the cities.

**Circular Train in Hyderabad**

2477. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have explored the feasibility of running circular train in and around Hyderabad city to connect satellite towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government propose to complete the survey for running circular train in Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) Feasibility studies for Urban Transit Systems are taken up by the concerned State Governments. The Government of India, however, on receipt of proposals from State Government, provides Central grant assistance to the concerned State Governments to the tune of 40% of the cost of the study. No such proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

**Private Sector for Development of Unused DDA land**

2478. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thousands of acres of land acquired by DDA remains unused and Government propose to invite the private sector for the development and house building;

(b) if so, the estimated acreage of land remaining unused by the DDA, stating the developed and undeveloped areas;

(c) the reasons for failure of DDA to use the land; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to invite the private sector for the development of unused land and in the house building activity?

THE MINISTER OF URB AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHk. RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The Government has allowed private developer to take up land assembly and development as a part of housing project. The minimum area required for land assembly is 30 acres of contiguous land. The private developer should have legal ownership and/or legal possession of the land with conforming land use as per MPD-2001.

**Misuse of Staff Car**

2479. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament have drawn his attention towards use of staff car of subordinate/ attached offices for journeys to and from the residence and at the same time claiming conveyance allowance;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken/propose to take against the erring officers;

(c) whether his attention was also drawn by the MPs to the fact that officers against whom charges are pending investigation are posted in sensitive position in the same office in collusion with senior officers; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One such case came to the notice of the Government where an officer of the Ministry was frequently using staff car of an autonomous body for journeys to and from the residence. The officer has to use the car as the officer lives far away, has to sit late due to pressure of work and is required to carry some sensitive files home. The officer is not drawing any conveyance allowance.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Only one suc. case was found where the officer was posted in the Directorate of Estates. However, there was no collusion of the senior officers in his posting and the Directorate of Estates is also not considered a very sensitive posting. The officer concerned has since been posted out of the Directorate of Estates.

**Water supply in CPWD Housing Complex Vasant Vihar**

2480. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of water supply in C.P.W.D. housing complex colony, Vasant Vihar for the last one year and till date and no effective measures have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(b) if so, the full details alongwith reasons therefor and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) There is no general shortage of water supply in this colony. Delhi Jal Board has provided a bulk connection of 200 mm dia (8") from the main water line through which about 2.40 lac gallons water is supplied daily. This is augmented by pumping of 3 lac gallons of ground water by the CPWD from its own tubewells. Due to elevational difference between various blocks there has been the occasional problem of supply in the tail end area of the colony. Delhi Jal Board has been advised to augment the water supply and CPWD has also been advised to regulate and stagger the timing of supply between different blocks.

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

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